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SUBJECT: TERRORISM IN LOCAL CHRYSLER PLANT

1. SUMMARY. LAST MONDAY MORNING AS NEW SHIFT WAS COMING ON DUTY IN LOCAL CHRYSLER ASSEMBLY PLANT IN NORTH CENTRAL PART OF MEXICO CITY, FIVE PERSONS, LATER IDENTIFIED AS PART OF 23RD OF SEPTEMBER TERRORIST GROUP, SHOT ONE OF CHRYSLER'S MEXICAN EMPLOYEES AND INTIMIDATED OTHERS BY DISPLAYING MACHINE GUNS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS RELATED TO DCM AND E/C COUNSELOR BY CHRYSLER'S LOCAL MANAGER, MR JACK PARKINSON, INCIDENT STARTED WHEN TWO MEN AND A WOMAN WENT TO WORKERS' ENTRY GATES AND STARTED TO PASS OUT PAMPHLETS ATTACKING CHRYSLER, THE WORKERS' UNION, AND URGING A GENERAL STRIKE. TWO OTHER MEN STAYED BACK AT THE CORNER OF A BUILDING. PAMPHLETS ARE CLEARLY LABELED AS PRODUCT OF COMMUNIST LEAGUE OF 23RD OF SEPTEMBER. ONE OF CHRYSLER'S MORE ALERT WORKERS VOCALLY DENOUNCED PAMPHLETS AS COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA, AND STARTED TO GATHER THEM FROM OTHER WORKERS WITH THE ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF TAKING THEM TO PLANT'S UNION OFFICE. WHEN HE BENT OVER TO RECOVER SOME COPIES HE HAD DROPPED  
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ONE OF THE TWO MEN PASSING OUT THE PAMPHLETS PULLED OUT A PISTOL AND SHOT HIM THROUGH THE HEAD. IF THE WORKER SURVIVES, HE WILL BE TOTALLY PARALYZED AND MENTALLY INCAPACITATED. CHRYSLER EMPLOYEES SURROUNDED THE TWO MEN AND THE WOMAN, BUT FLED WHEN THE TRIO'S TWO COMPANIONS RAN UP DISPLAYING MACHINE GUNS.

3. ON THE BASIS OF THEIR ROGUES FILE, THE POLICE IDENTIFIED TWO OR MORE OF THE ASSAILANTS AS "WANTED" MEMBERFQOF THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER LEAGUE. THE HOUSE OF ONE OF THEM WAS REPORTEDLY UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE, BUT THE POLICE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO APPREHEND THE TERRORISTS.

4. SOME CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED BY PARKINSON THAT THE TERRORISTS WERE AFTER HIM, THE PLANT'S PERSONNEL MANAGER, OR THE LOCAL UNION HEAD--THE LATTER ALSO BEING A DEPUTY IN MEXICO'S CONGRESS. PARKINSON HAS ONLY MODEST PERSONAL PROTECTION, E.G. A CHAUFFEUR ARMED WITH A REVOLVER. THE STYLE OF ATTACK, HOWEVER, MAKES IT SEEM UNLIKELY THAT THE TERRORISTS WERE AFTER INDIVIDUALS.

5. PARKINSON FEELS THERE IS SOME LIKELIHOOD OF RENEWED TERRORISM DURING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS IN LATE WINTER, EARLY SPRING.

6. THE DCM OFFERED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO PARKINSON THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EMBASSY'S SECURITY OFFICER.

7. COMMENT: FOLLOWING ONLY A FEW WEEKS AFTER A SIMILAR EVENT IN CIUDAD JUAREZ, IT SEEMS THAT THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER LEAGUE WILL RESPOND WITH INSTANT AND LETHAL VIOLENCE TO ANY RESISTANCE. THESE EVENTS SUGGEST THAT TERRORISM GENERALLY AND PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN PARTICULAR MAY BECOME MORE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS HERE THAN IN THE PAST.

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